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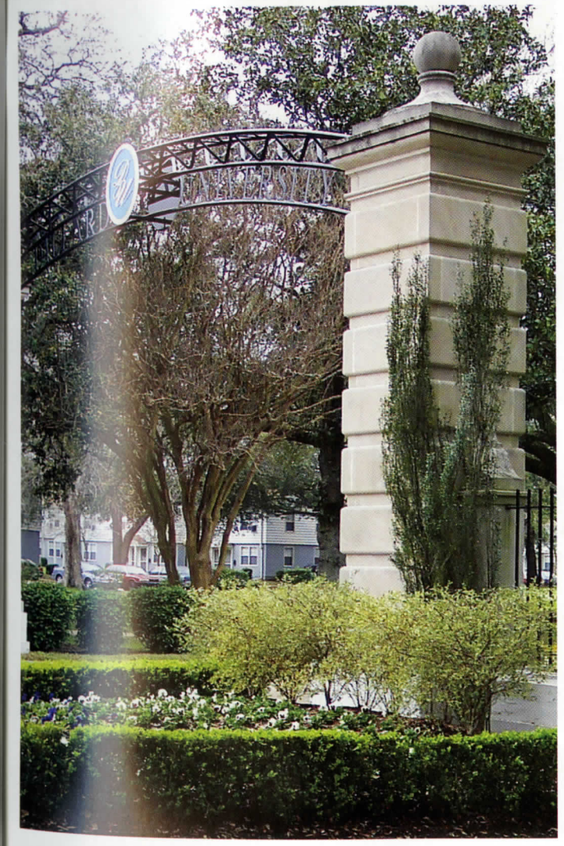

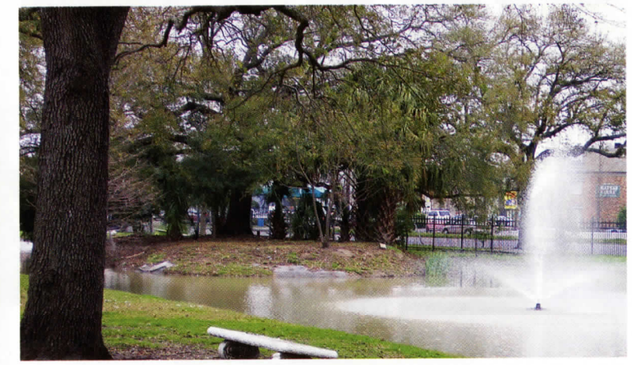

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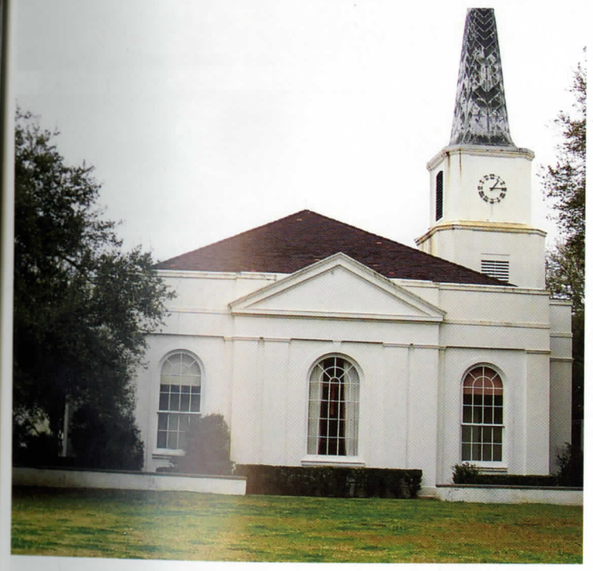
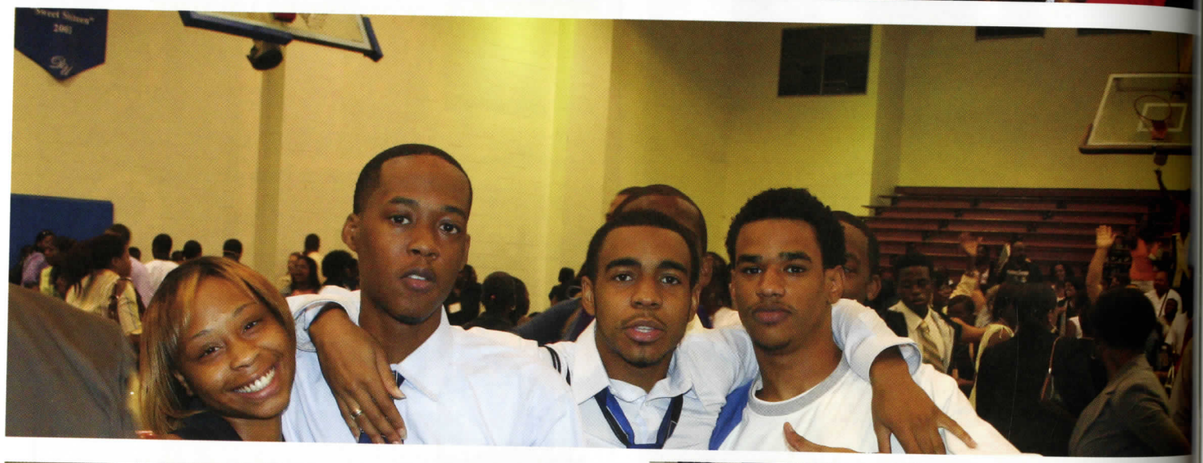


The Years at a Glance

The Class of 2009 will be remembered as the class that set the standards for the rebirth of Dillard University. These students are survivors and are the epitome of what real men and women should be. Even in the turmoil of Hurricane Katrina, the class of 2009 never lost faith in their fair Dillard. Congratulations Class of 2009!!!

Welcome Class of 2009



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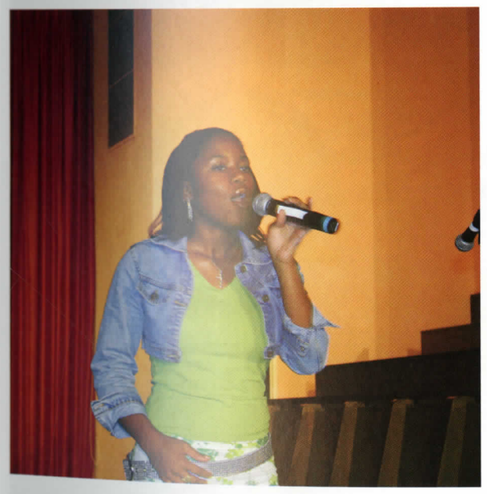
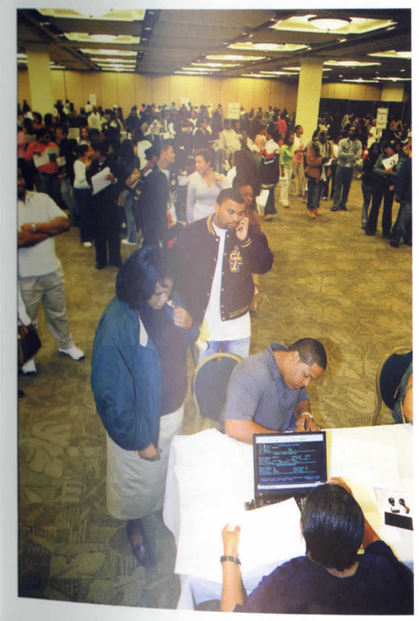


On August 21, 2005 over 400 anxious students entered the gates of Dillard University as freshpersons. They eagerly settled into their residential halls and began to make new friends. Orientation week was a blast, from Airline Skate Center, to Six Flags, to the famous DU Parade of Talent. Little did anyone know that one semester later, they would be registering for classes at the Hilton Hotel.

Class of 2009

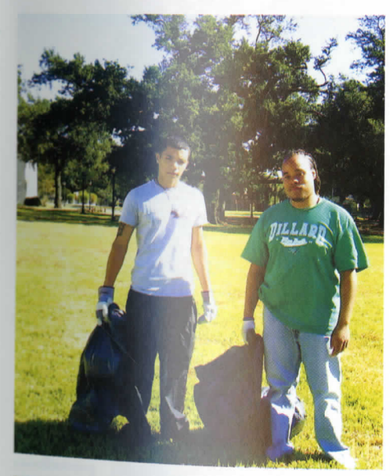
Hilton Registration 2006



Gentilly Clean Up

Dillard Serves the Community

The Gentilly Clean Up Community Service Project is an annual event that promotes student involvement and allows the student body to come together to beautify Dillard University as well as the surrounding Gentilly community.

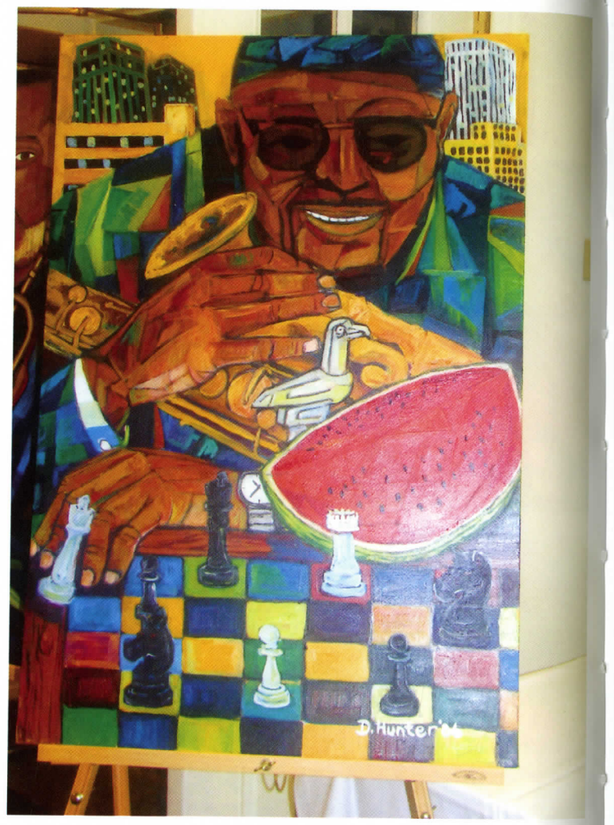


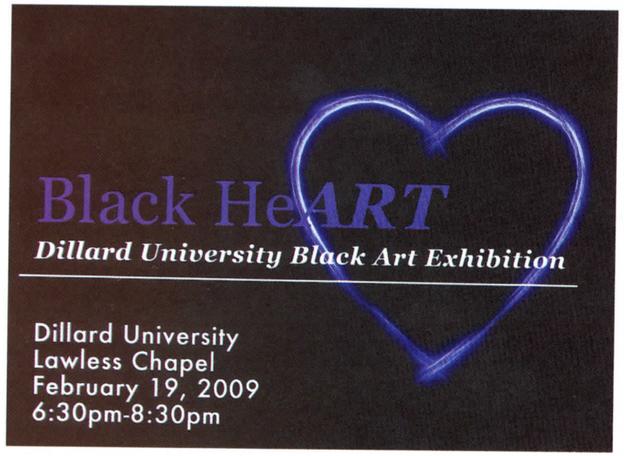
The Gentilly Clean Up Project helps students earn community service hours and gives the students a sense of pride in keeping their new Dillard home clean. The event is spearheaded by the current Mr. and Miss Dillard University every fall semester.

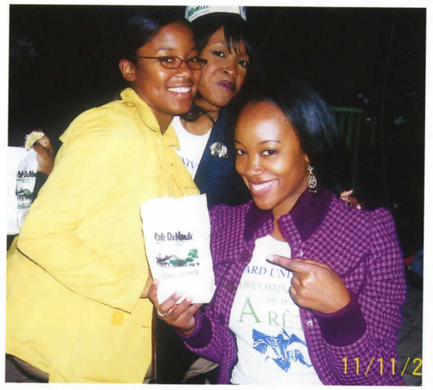
Black Heart

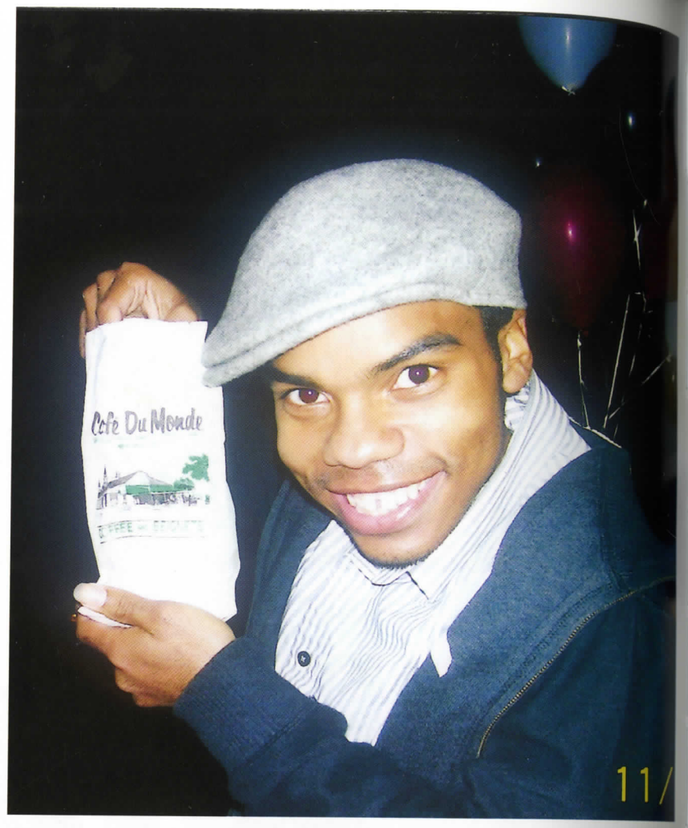
Dillard University Black Art Exhibition

The Dillard University Black Art Exhibition is an expo of creative artwork from successful and up-and-coming African American artists. Students and visitors are invited to indulge in beautiful artwork as they enjoy the artistic atmosphere.









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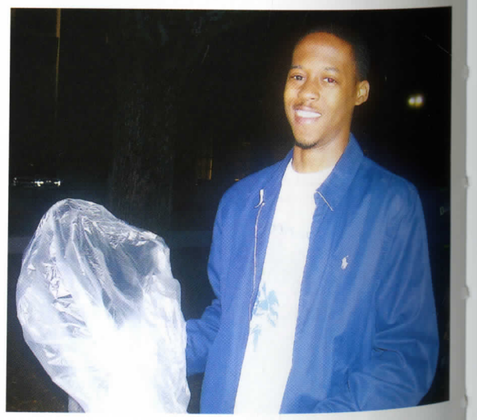
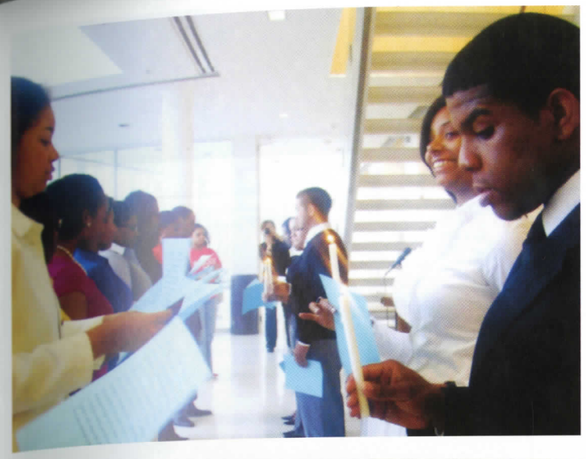




SGA Induction Ceremony

Passing the Torch

The SGA Induction Ceremony is the initiation of the newly elected Student Government Association Officers for the following academic year. The ceremony symbolizes the passing of the responsibilities of leadership from the previous officers to their successors.

DU Homecoming Parade

The DU homecoming parade is a school spirit event that encourages student organizations to participate in activities leading up to the big homecoming game.

Dillard vs. Wiley College

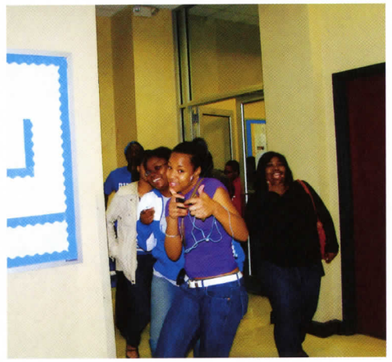
LET'S GO DU!!!! LET'S GO!!!!

The week of homecoming culminates in the homecoming basketball game. This year the Blue Devils took on the Wiley College Wildcats. The crowd was BLEU! At half time, the Royal Court was presented to the university as were our hardworking Student Government Association Officers.

Homecoming Step Show

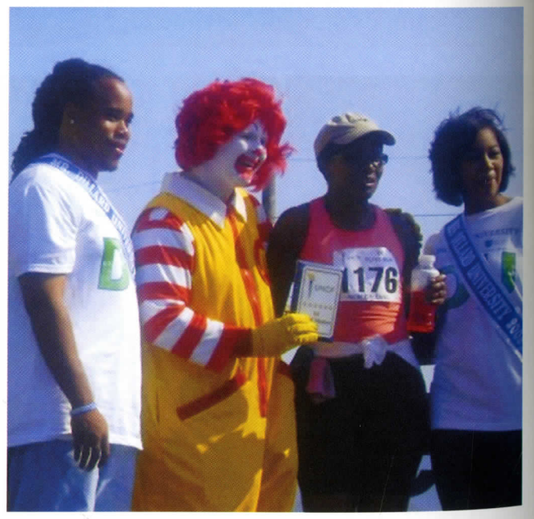
Midnight Breakfast

During Homecoming Week, students look forward to staying up later than usual to have breakfast. Held annually, the midnight breakfast allows on and off-campus students to dine together and hang out.



UNCF Walk-Run

Once again, Dillard University took home the trophy for making a larger donation and having a larger number of participants than our rival Xavier University. Audubon Park glowed with blue and white as DU students, alumni, faculty and staff walked and ran to support the United Negro College Fund, which provides scholarships and support to our students.



Trick-or-Vote on the Oaks

Trick-or-Treat on the Oaks received a new name this year. Trick-or-Vote was the name for this year's Halloween event, referencing the historic election which was a few days away. Student clubs and organizations lined the oaks to hand out Halloween treats and share information about voting with the local community.

DU Field Day

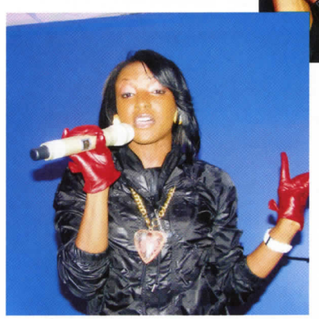
At the beginning of each new academic year at Dillard, the Student Government Association hosts an on campus field day to unite new and returning DU students. The field day includes music and fun activities for the whole student body to enjoy.

Wild Out Wednesday

Wild Out Wednesday occurs every Wednesday throughout the semester. This is a time for the SGA to bring the entire student body and the Dillard community together. Although students enjoy the food, music, and activities, Wild Out Wednesday is also a time to share valuable information on Dillard activities with the student body.

Spring Fest Concert

Featuring Chrisette Michele



The highlight of Spring Fest is the concert at the end of the week. This year Chrisette Michele graced the stage with her incredible vocals and hit songs. DU students also had their 15 minutes of fame as several students performed for the concert.

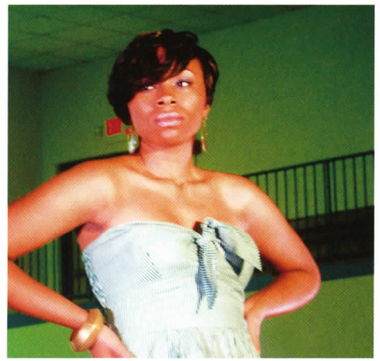
Dillard vs. Xavier

Powder Puff Football

The first annual Brawl of the Belles was held on the oaks during Spring Fest this year. The Ladies of Dillard University brawled against the Ladies of Xavier University in a flag football powder puff game. Ultimately, XU won the game. However, there is already talk of next year's big game.

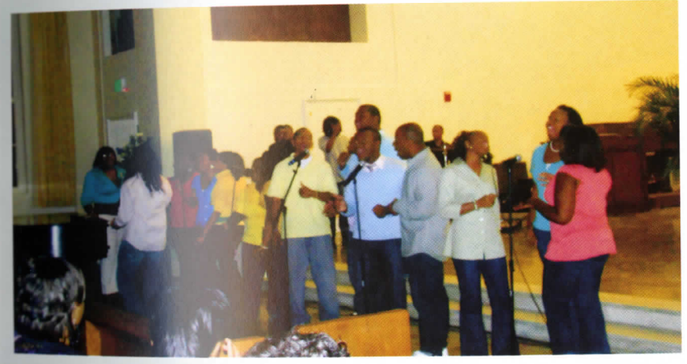
Exposed

DU Fashion Show



Exposed: Fads and Trends of American Fashion was the theme for this year's annual fashion show. Models wore both contemporary and retro trends of fashion.

Spring Fest Gospel Concert



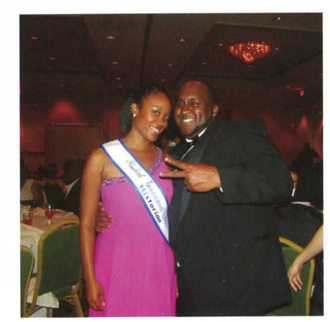
Hallelujah! The spirit was definitely in the air at the 2009 Spring Fest Gospel Concert. This year's concert featured the VisionQuest Chorale, the Jackson State Gospel Choir, and Dillard's own Spring Fest Choir. Over 300 students and guests filled Lawless Chapel to praise Him.

Dillard University

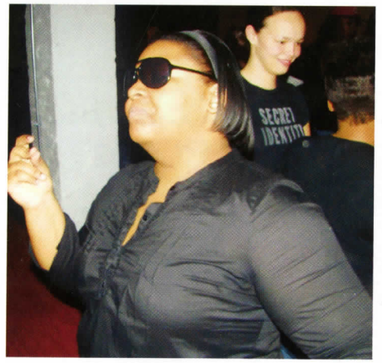
Ashlee K. Yates
Major: International Business & Spanish Studies

Marcel Harris
Major: Public Health System Management & Pre-Dentistry

Coronation!!!



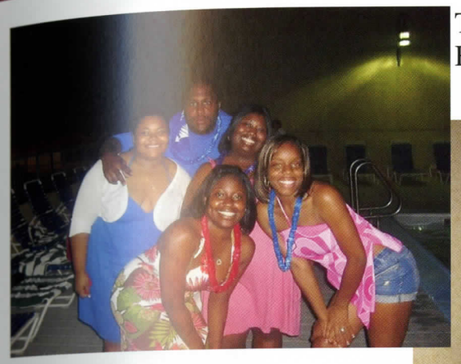
Kick Back Thursday



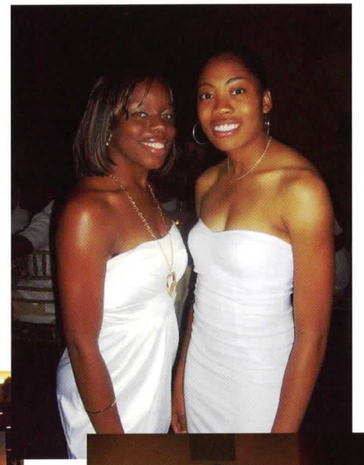
Senior week was in full effect as the seniors continued to paint the town with their Kick Back Thursday party. The party was held in traditional DU style, fun and very tasteful.The class of 2009 definitely knows how to have a great time.

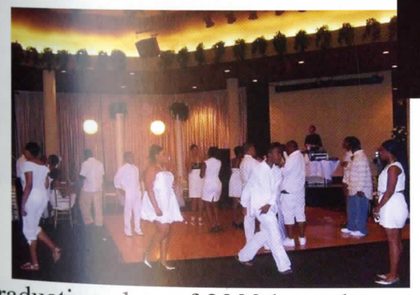
Senior Week Activities

A Week of Greatness...

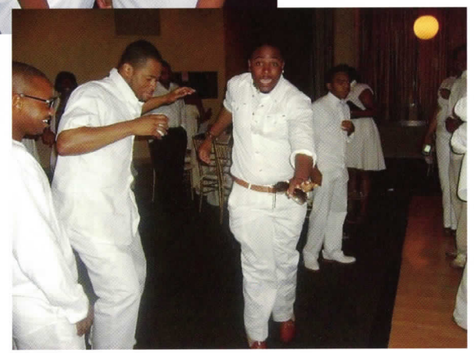


The creative festivities for senior week included a Hawaiian style luau for the graduating class.

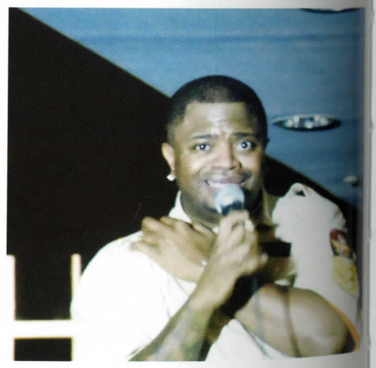




The graduating class of 2009 hosted a very elegant White Ball. Everyone was dressed to impress as they partied the night away.



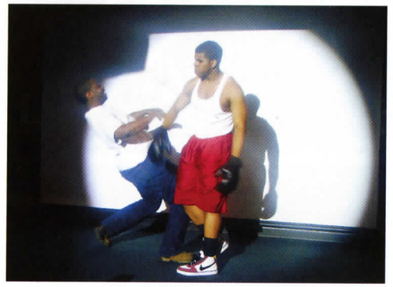
Comedy Show



As a part of Homecoming week students, faculty, and staff took a break from the pressures of class and work to laugh. Headliner Benji Brown still has students repeating jokes from his stand-up routine.

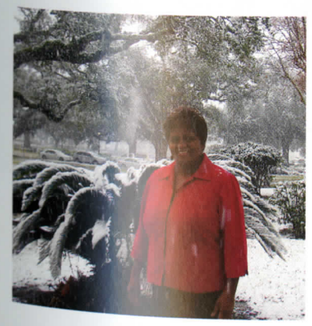
Miss Dillard Tea

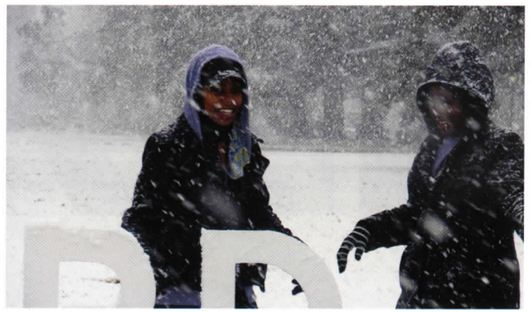
Mr. and Miss DU Showcase



Snow Day at DU

On December 11, 2008, buildings were not the only things that were gleaming white. The entire campus and the City of New Orleans were covered in snow. You could easily stroll along the walkway and see snowmen being created and snow angels forming.





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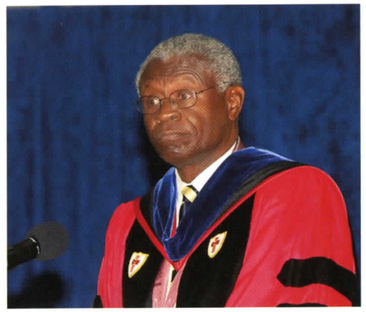

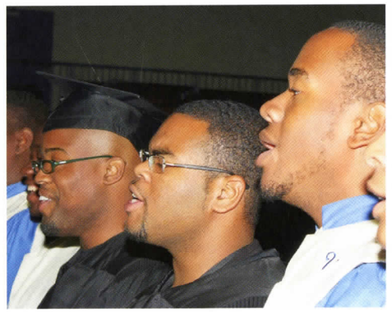

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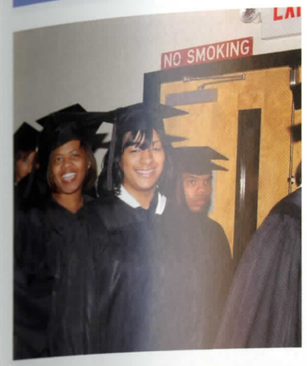

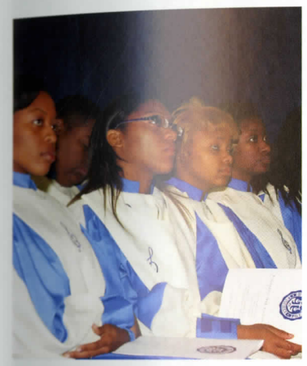

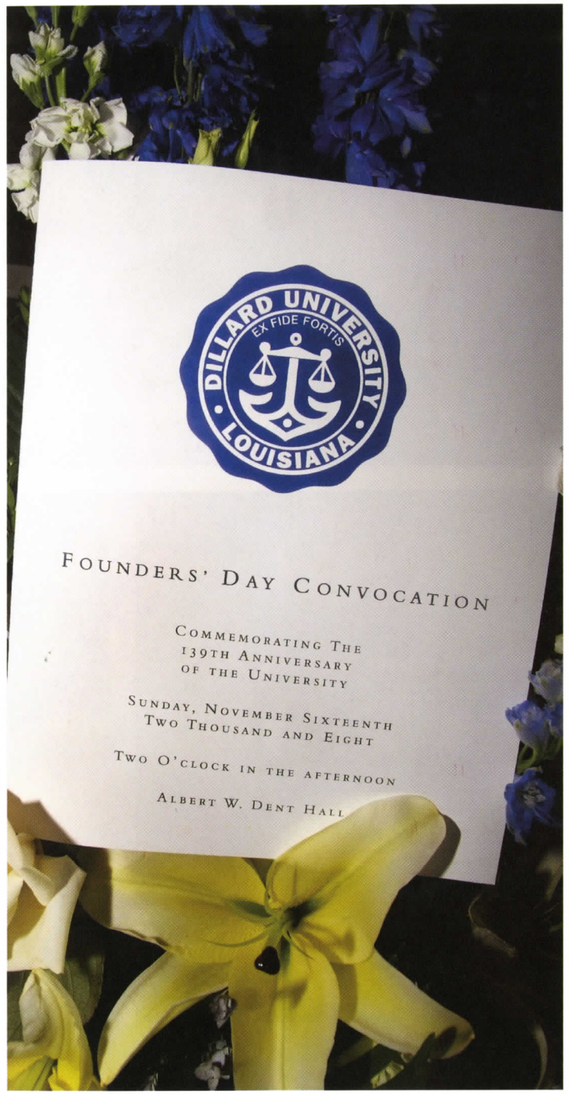

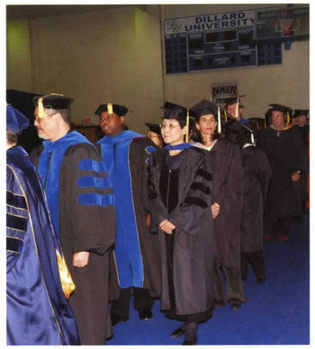

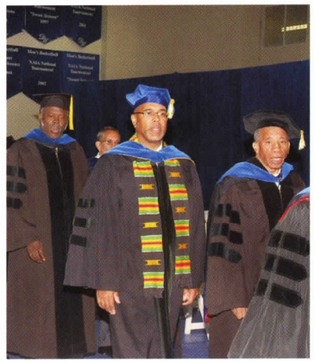

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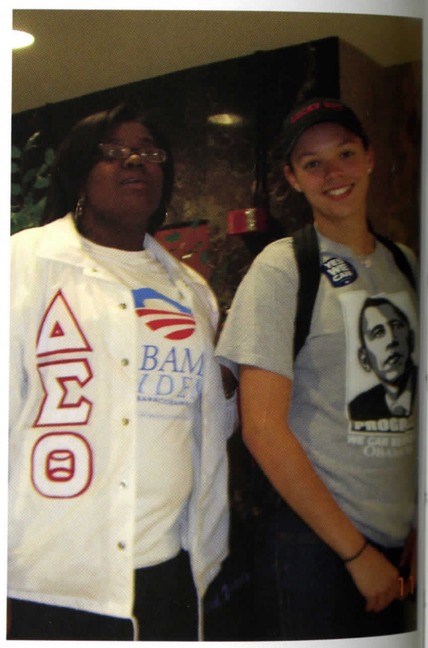
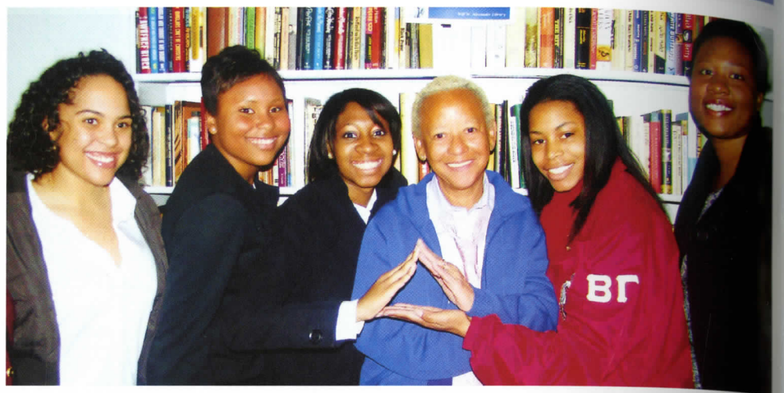


OBAMA!!

Nikki Giovanni Visits DU



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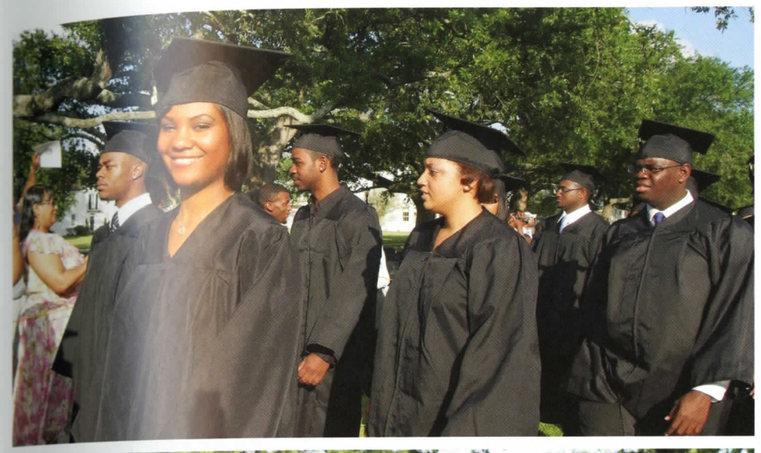

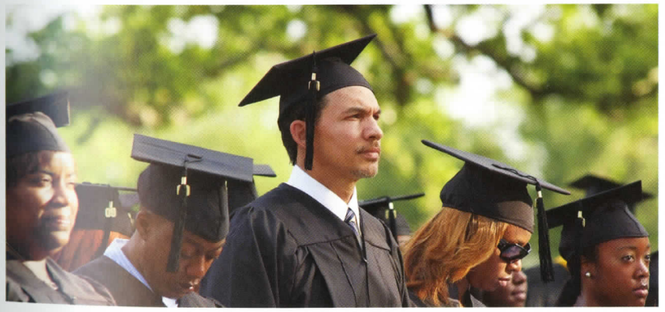

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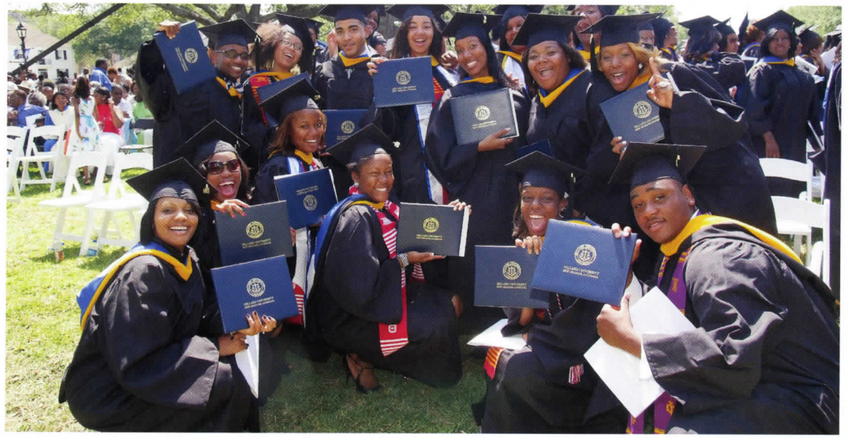

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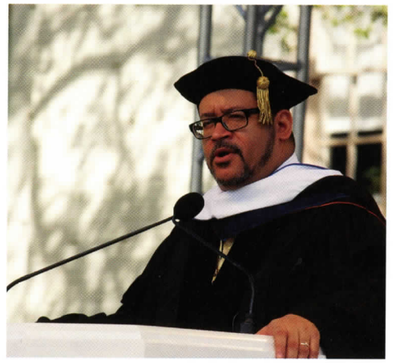

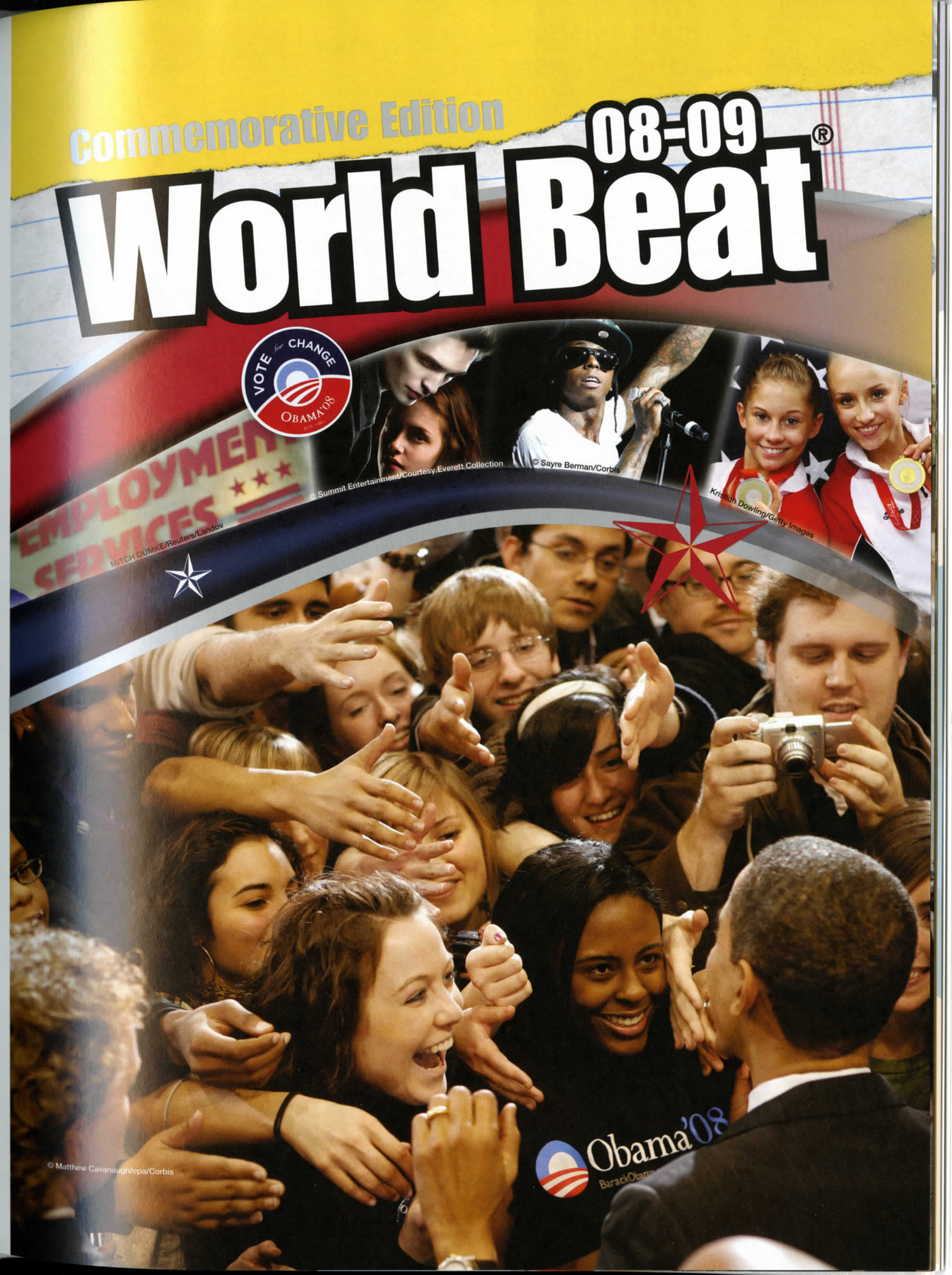

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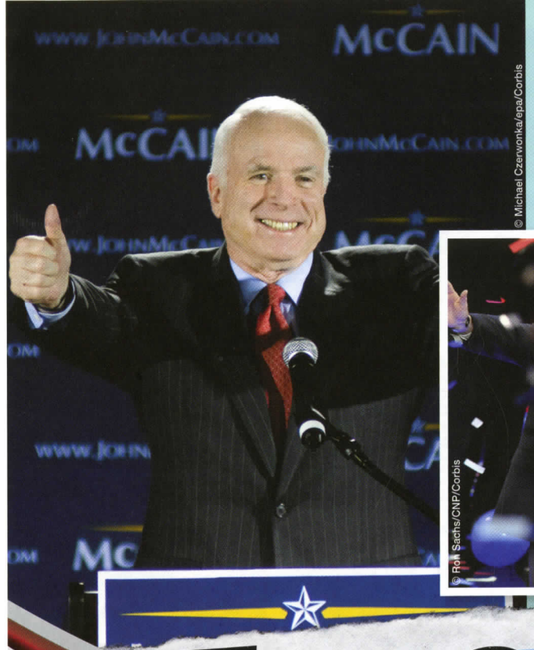

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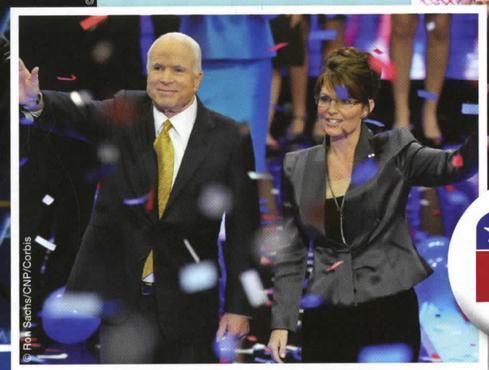
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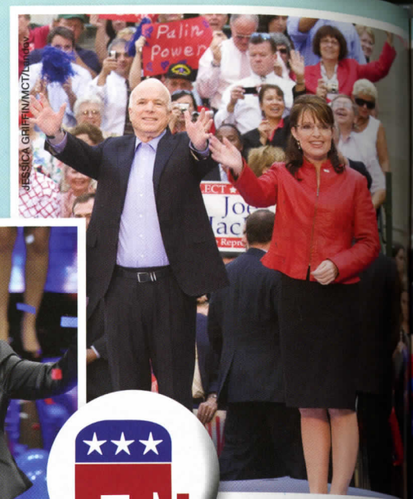

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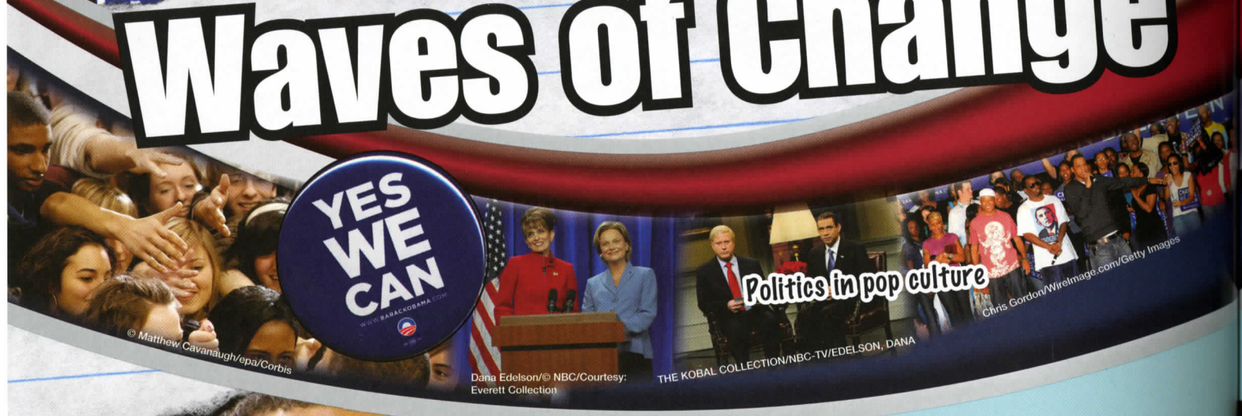
Arizona Senator John McCain wins the Republican nomination for president and names Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate. Palin is the Republican Party's first female nominee for vice president.



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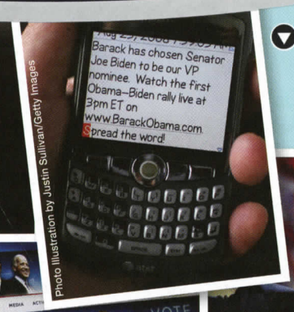

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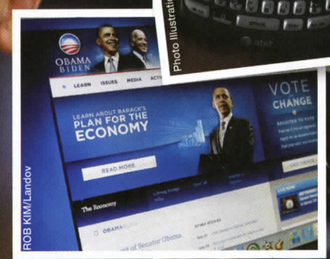

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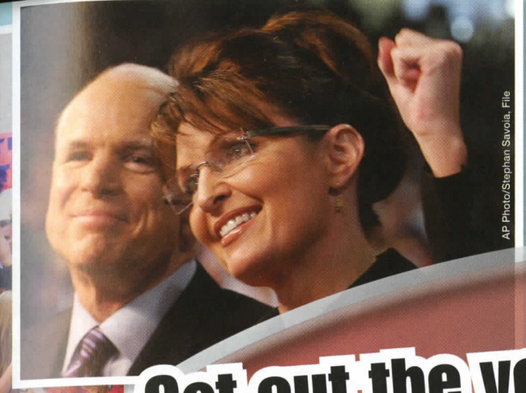
Democratic Senator Joe Biden of Delaware becomes the 47th vice president of the United States. A member of the Senate since 1973, Biden brings long-time Washington experience to the Obama administration.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Get out the vote!

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Obama's grassroots organization and innovative Web campaign is credited with inspiring young and first-time voters to participate heavily in the election.

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The values, fashion and personal vitality of the Obama family resonate with Americans. Public interest in the first family rivals that of the interest in the Kennedy family in the 1960s.

Obama Wins

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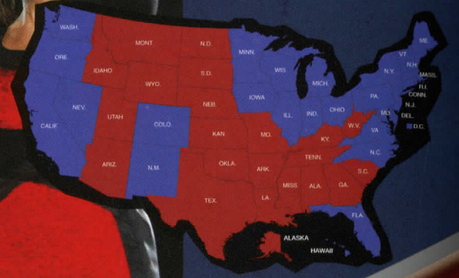
Barack Obama makes history as the first African-American to win the presidency of the United States. The former Illinois senator promises an era of change that captures the imagination of voters nationwide.

Electoral Votes

Obama	365
McCain	173



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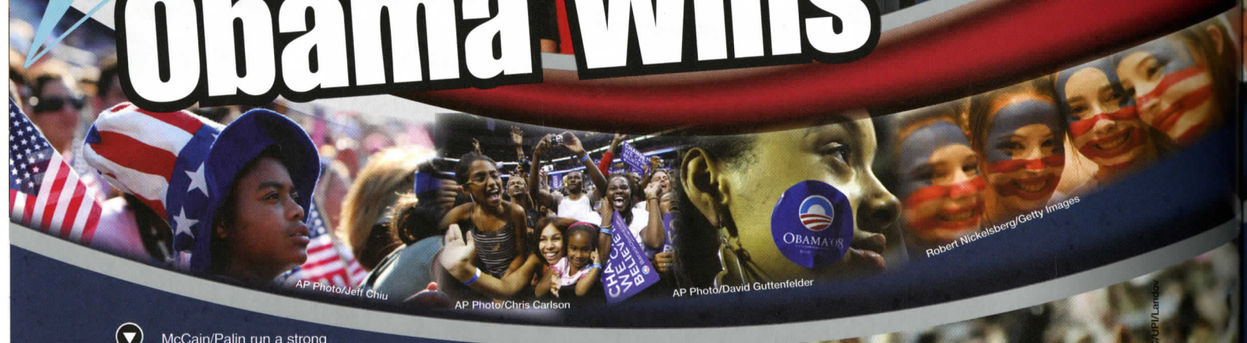

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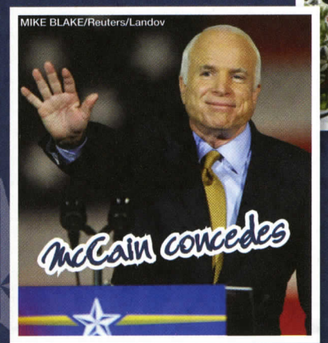
McCain/Palin run a strong campaign, winning 22 states. But they are defeated 53 vs. 46 percent in the general election and by a substantial margin in the Electoral College.



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McCain concedes

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Election 2008

Your road to the election

Results 528 races across USA

Congressional race

Democrats fighters grip on Senate

America makes history

Obama wins

'Change has come to America,' he says after election to presidency erases a racial barrier; Democrats make gains

Where the race was won

Florida

Colorado

Ohio

Celebrations around the world

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Obama's Cabinet nominations

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Getting prepared for office

In January 2009, president-elect Obama attends the ultimate power lunch in the White House, meeting and getting advice from President Bush as well as former Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

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Souvenirs

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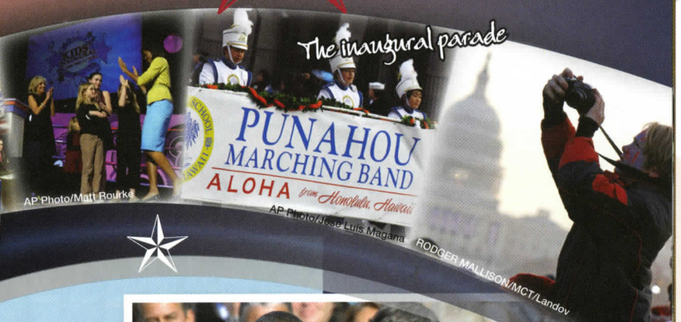
The inaugural parade



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Inauguration 1-20-09

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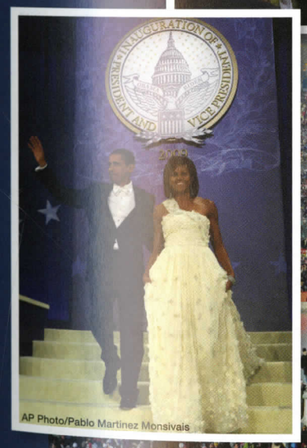
During the inauguration ceremony, Malia Obama captures the moment from a unique point of view.



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Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States before millions in Washington, D.C. Obama's inaugural address calls for a "new era of responsibility" in the face of economic decline and a pledge to choose "hope over fear."

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"We have chosen hope over fear..."

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Economic Crisis

Stocks plummet as years of excess in the U.S. housing market and lax supervision of financial institutions contribute to the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.

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Unemployment rate hits 16-year high in January 2009

With buying power declining in the consumer marketplace, companies nationwide are forced to lay off workers. The national unemployment rate hits 7.2 percent in December and is rising steadily. The hardest hit states are Michigan, Rhode Island, California and South Carolina.

World News

Specialty coffee sales drop

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Housing Foreclosures

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Detroit's struggling "Big Three" automakers, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, request and are eventually offered a bailout package of just over $17 billion in December.

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Many retailers are forced to file for bankruptcy or go out of business after being unable to rebound from the harsh economy and a very disappointing fourth quarter of 2008.

Teens work part-time

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Gas prices up and down

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The world's "hot spots" center around the Middle East. Israel mounts a major offensive against Hamas in Gaza, the United States continues to oppose the Taliban in Afghanistan and insurgents in Iraq, and in August, Russia attacks its southern neighbor, Georgia, in a dispute over western influence in the area.

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Support our Troops

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"Miracle on the Hudson"

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In January 2009, after both engines fail due to ingesting birds, US Airways Flight 1549 ditches in New York's Hudson River. All 155 passengers and crew members are saved, thanks to the skill and courage of pilot Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger.

Changing our World

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Reusable bags

Environmentally conscious consumers use items such as reusable cloth shopping bags and Klean Kanteen water bottles that don't leak harmful chemicals like BPA.

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Public bicycle sharing systems, already popular in Europe, roll into American cities like Washington, D.C., to help fight traffic congestion and reduce pollution.

Tight money and high gas prices push auto manufacturers to investigate super fuel-efficient and electric cars. The Chevrolet Volt is an early contender and the tiny "Smart" car is already on American roads.

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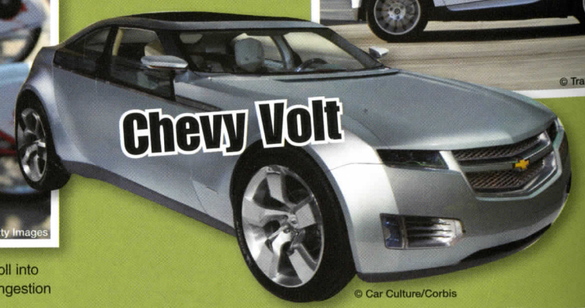
Chevy Volt



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In September, Google and General Electric partner to develop clean technologies. Modernizing the national electric grid to enable wider deployment of wind, solar and geothermal energy will be an early priority.

Environmentally friendly MacBooks

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The green cleaning movement gains momentum nationally as environmentally safe non-toxic cleaning products are used in many homes, as well as state and city institutions.

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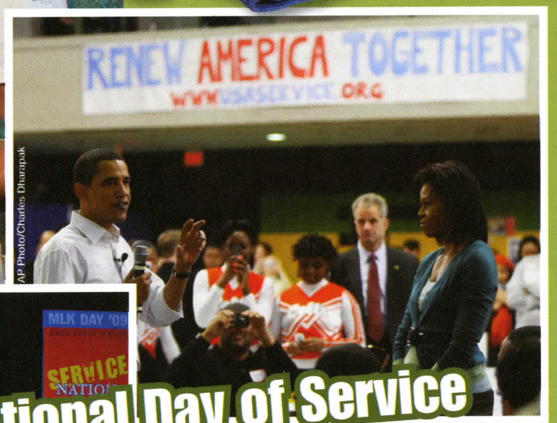
Brad Pitt launches the "Make It Right" project to build 150 green-sensitive new homes in the New Orleans Lower 9th Ward, which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Pitt contributes $5 million to the project.



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National Day of Service

President-elect Obama asks all Americans to volunteer their time on the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, January 19, and to continue throughout the year. More than 12,000 service projects take place across the country.

Summer Olympics

The Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics showcase some of the most amazing performances in Olympic history.

Sports

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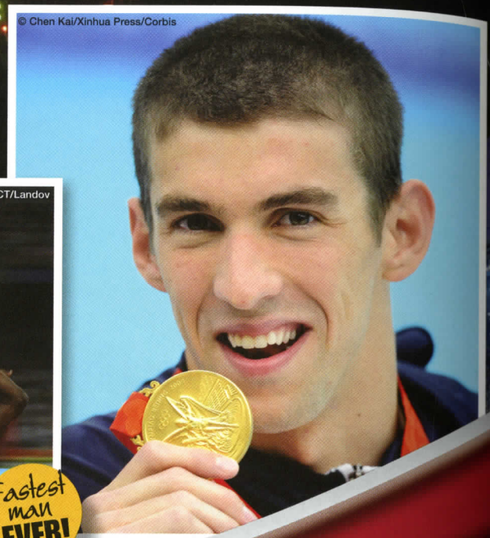

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American swimmer Michael Phelps makes Olympic history with eight gold medals. Phelps sets three world records in his five individual wins.

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Usain Bolt

Fastest man EVER!

The Olympic Opening Ceremony

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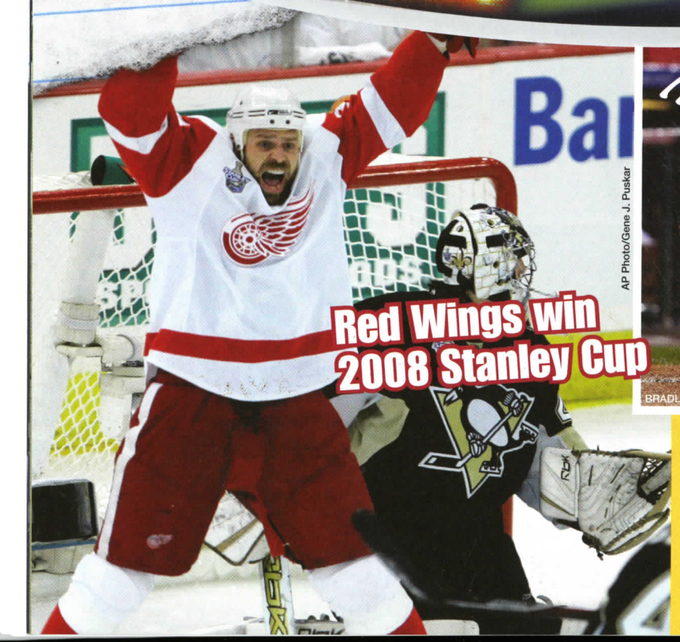

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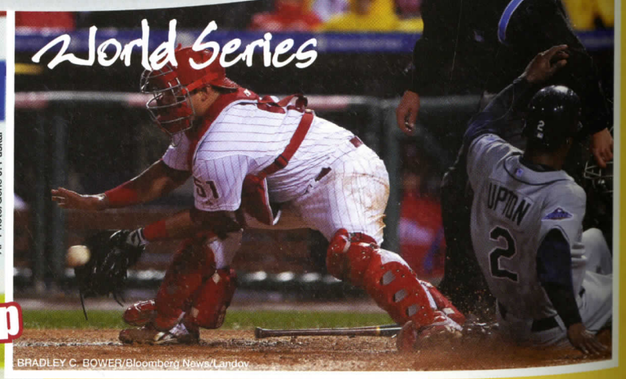
Red Wings win 2008 Stanley Cup



World Series

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The Philadelphia Phillies win their second World Series with a five game victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. The fifth game takes three days to complete after a rain delay.

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The Chinese gymnasts take the team title, but Americans Shawn Johnson (floor exercise) and Nastia Liukin (all-around) take individual gold medals for the U.S.

Gymnastics

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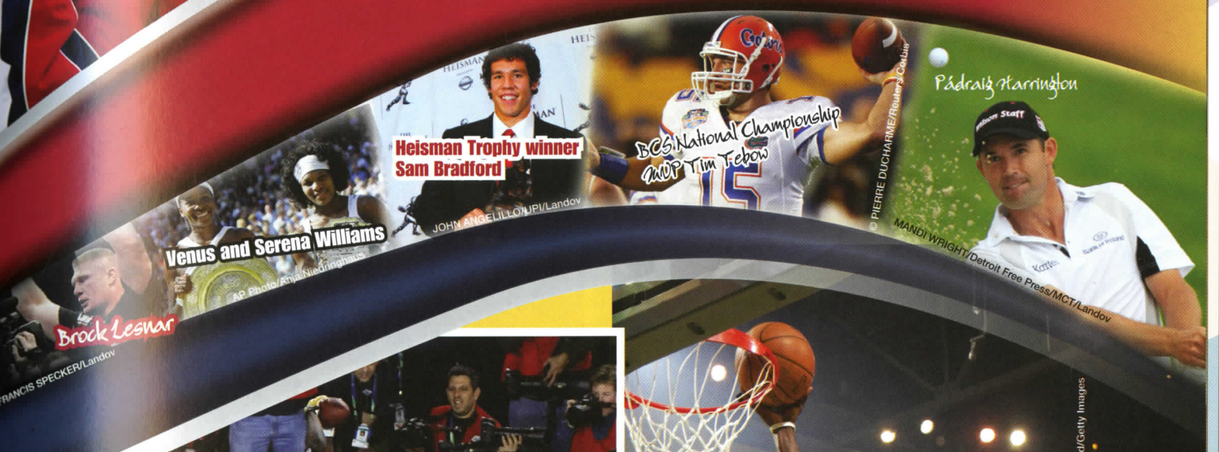

Brock Lesnar

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Venus and Serena Williams

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Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford

JOHN ANGELILLO/UPI/Landov

BCS National Championship MVP Tim Tebow

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Super Bowl XLIII

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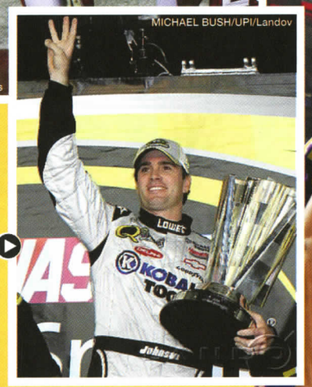
MVP Santonio Holmes makes a tip-toe catch in the corner of the end zone with 35 seconds remaining to lead the Pittsburgh Steelers past the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in Super Bowl XLIII.



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Jimmie Johnson captures the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship for the third straight year in his famous #48 Lowe's Chevrolet Impala SS.

Boston Celtics 2008 NBA Champs

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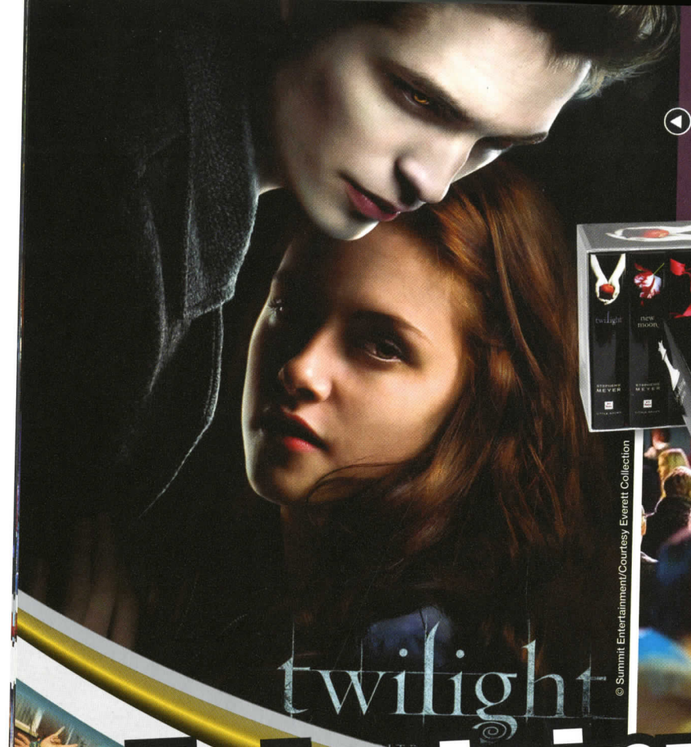
Entertainment



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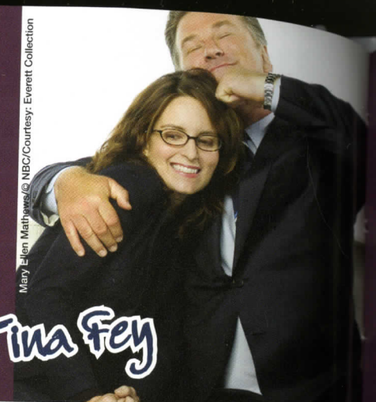
Stephenie Meyer's runaway best-seller, *Twilight*, becomes a hit movie starring Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart as Edward and Bella.



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Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

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MTV spins off the reality show *The Hills*, following *Laguna Beach* star Lauren Conrad and her friends to Los Angeles.

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Australian Heath Ledger, in his last film role as the Joker in the Batman epic *The Dark Knight*, wins a posthumous Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor in a Drama.

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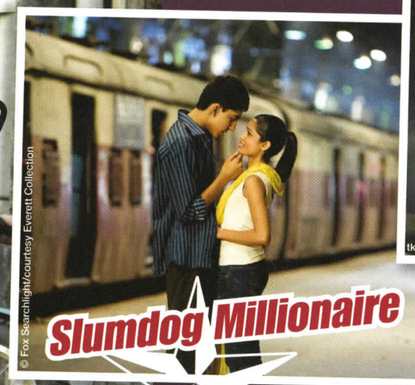

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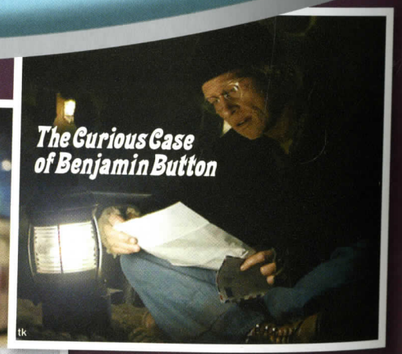
Slumdog Millionaire



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Slumdog Millionaire, a surprise entry from India about teen life in Mumbai, and Brad Pitt's *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, about a man who ages backwards, monopolize Academy Award nominations with a combined total of 23.

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Paul Blart: Mall Cop

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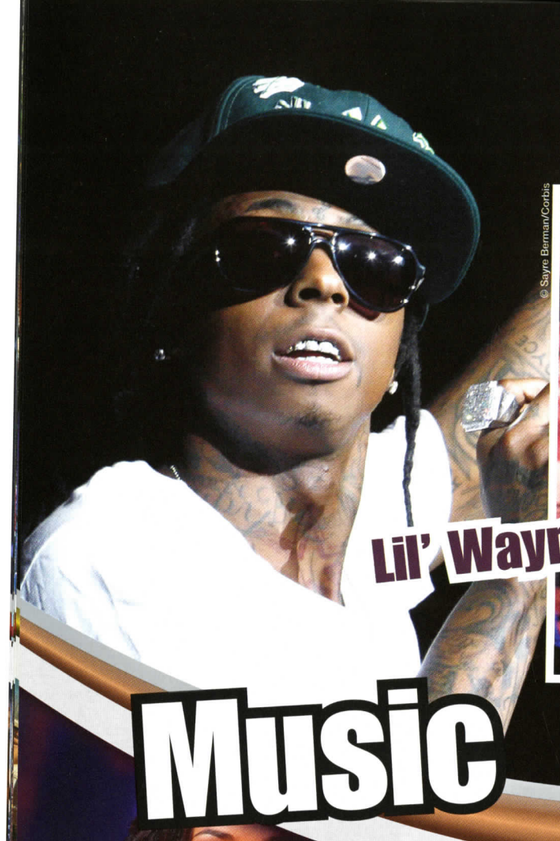
Bedtime Stories

Music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Lil' Wayne

Rapper Lil' Wayne takes home four Grammies, including Rap Album of the Year for *Tha Carter III* and Best Rap Song.

MTV

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Due to low ratings, MTV's flagship show *Total Request Live* shuts down in November after a 10-year run.

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Britney Spears rebounds from years of personal challenges with her fifth No.1 album, *Circus*. She becomes the only act in Nielsen SoundScan history to have four albums that debut with 500,000 or more copies sold.

JIM RUYMEN/UPI/Landov

Ne-Yo

R&B singer/songwriter Ne-Yo brings out his third album, *Year of the Gentleman*, which debuts on the *Billboard* 200 at No. 2. The album garners six Grammy nominations.

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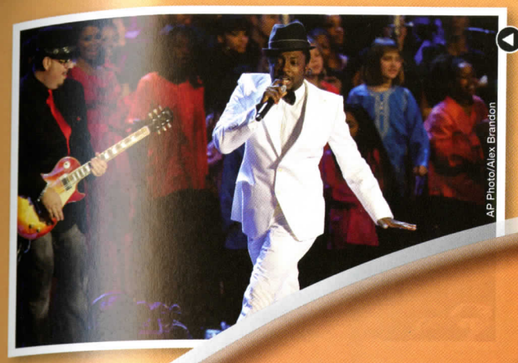
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The video for Will.i.am's song "Yes We Can" garners more than 1.3 million hits on YouTube and becomes an anthem for young voters during the presidential campaign.

Classic Rock

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Taylor Swift

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Fox's *American Idol* adds a fourth judge to the popular show. Grammy-nominated songwriter Kara DioGuardi joins regular panelists Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell.

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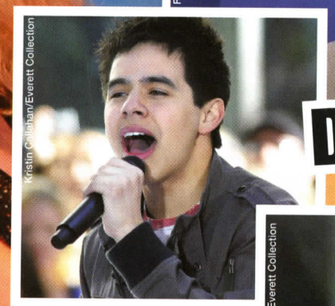
David vs. David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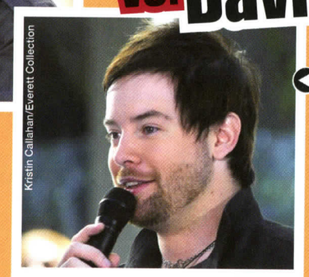
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Rocker David Cook, with 58 percent of the fan votes, beats balladeer David Archuleta in the 2008 finals of Fox's *American Idol*.

Lifestyle

242242 cha cha

Texting becomes the new writing. Teens everywhere learn to double-thumb miniature keyboards and invent a new language of abbreviations and signs.

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Social Networking

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Digital TV

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The nation converts to all-digital TV in 2009. The Department of Commerce offers government coupons to make the conversion more affordable.

Slippers to wear every day

Argyle & Plaid

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Designer Purses & Shoes

Big Sunglasses

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Top style trends this year include baggy pants, oversized sunglasses, designer purses, black nail polish and plaids.

Black Nail Polish

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